

Pension Application for Wynant E. Vandenberg

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State of New York

City & County of Albany SS.

On the twenty eight day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three appeared before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the Justices Court in the City of Albany, Wynant E. VanDenBergh of the Town of Watervliet in the County of Albany and State of New York who being first duly sworn according to Law in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of 7th June 1832 doth make the following declaration to wit:

That he was born in the town of Watervliet in the County of Albany sometime during the year 1757. That he knows of no record of his age but that that [sic] there is a note of it in the family Bible.

That he now resides and has always resided in the Town of Watervliet in the County of Albany. That in the spring of the year 1775 and while he resided in the said Town of Watervliet he was called into the service of the United States in the war of the Revolution and entered the said service as a private soldier and a volunteer militia man in the militia of the State of New York. That his officers so far as he recollects the same were as follows. Henry Oathoudt of the Town of Watervliet aforesaid Captain Servinus F. Lansing of the same town first Lieutenant Jacob J. Lansing Second Lieutenant Timothy Hutton Ensign. That the Colonel of his regiment was Francis Nichol of the County of Albany, Philip Schuyler was Lieutenant Colonel and Abraham Fonda Major, both of the Town of Watervliet and General Abraham Ten Broeck of the City of Albany was General but whether a brigadier or Major General he does not recollect.

That in the year 1775 aforesaid he marched from Albany to fort George in the State of New York to guard that Fort and was there on actual duty twenty three days and returned home and in July of the same year was again ordered out and went to fort Edward and remained twenty one days and in the fall of same year was again called out and went to Fort Edward and remained there twenty one days. That his officers were the same as he believes during this year.

That in the year 1777 was again ordered out together with half his company as he believes and was attached to a Regiment under the command of Major Jacob Schemmerhorn of Schodack went up to Fort Edward and on his way from Fort Edward to Fort Ann, meth the army after the Battle at Fort Ann and returned with them to Fort Edward where he remained on duty for twenty nine days, was ordered out July of same year went to Fort Edward and remained there and about there on duty twenty eight days, returned home and in the month of September as he believes was again ordered out and joined the Northern Army under Command of Major General gates where he remained thirty two days, and was there at the surrender of General Burgoyne.

In the year 1778 was ordered out and went to Schoharie to guard the country against the disaffected or Tories and the Indians. That he was called out three

different times during this year on the same service and was out on actual duty seventy seven days in all. That during the year 1777 but the particular time he does not recollect he was appointed a sergeant and acted in that capacity during his services, in the succeeding years 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781 and 1782.

Was again ordered out and went to Schoharie and remained out on actual duty during that year ninety nine days. That in 1780 he was again ordered out to Fort Hunter above Schenectady and to Schoharie four different times and was out in all during this year one hundred and five days.

That in 1781 he was out to the same places in all in all during this year thirty nine days, and in 1782 he was ordered out to Schoharie and Fort Herkimer—all sixty six days. That the above number of days of service are those in which he now recollects, he was actually engaged in the service and he does verily believe that the same are put down within bounds. That he was frequently ordered out on scouting parties and was out for short periods at different times which are not included in the number of days above stated. That in the above statement he has been careful not put down only such days and times as he can now recollect with certainty. That he cannot state at this late day who were all his officers.

That he never was in any Battle, but has been in skirmishes one between men under the command of Sir John Johnson and Americans under command of General Van Rensselaer in the year 1782.

The he never was discharged and never held any warrant or commission as Sergeant. That he now recollects and if he ever had any it has been lost or destroyed.

That there is not to his knowledge any documentary evidence of his services. That during the time he was in the service of the United States as before stated herein he was not employed in any civil pursuit. That his Declarant is well acquainted with Peter Shafer, Henry Runkle, William Orlop, Isaac Groat, all now living and residing in the Town of Watervliet in the County of Albany and that they all or some of them were in the service of the United States with him in the war of the Revolution and are personally knowing to his services as herein detailed or a part thereof.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of that agency of any state and the said Justice do hereby declare that from my knowledge that from my knowlidge [sic] of the man and the history he gives of his services that the above named as a Revolutionary soldier and served as he states. Wynant E. VandenBergh.

Saubscribed and sworn before me, Gerritt L. Dox one of the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Albany.